stage. In case of States/UTs, where only the first language (the mother tongue/regional language) is studied by pupils at primary stage, study of second language is expected to be introduced in class V, the first year of the upper primary stage.

DTC Bus Accident at Mayapuri, Delhi

99. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that four persons were run over by a D.T.C. Bus on route No. 853 at the Dharam Kanta bus stand in Mayapuri, Delhi on the 21st June, 1989 ;

(b) if so, what monetary compensation has been given by Government to the next of kin of the victims ; and

(c) whether any new guidelines or instructions have been issued or are proposed to be issued to the drivers of DTC to restrain from negligent driving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) It was the Private bus operating on DTC route, that the four persons were run over by it on 21-6-1989.

(b) The compensation in this case is to be awarded by Motor Accident Claims Tribunal on the basis of claim application. Delhi Administration have intimated that the MACT has so far not received claim application.

(c) Issuance of instructions to DTC Drivers for safe driving is a continuing process. From time to time instructions are issued to the Drivers that they should drive carefully and observe traffic rules. Announcements on the public address system are also made. The performance of the Drivers is watched all along and accident prone drivers are identified and given refresher courses in association with Delhi Traffic Police. Special squads are deputed to check the driving habits of the drivers on line duty and any one found with faulty driving habits is sent for drivers' refresher course. With a view to motivate safe driving an incentive reward to the tune of Rs. 1,000/- is being given to drivers with accident free record during the current year. Besides these steps, if the driver is found guilty for rash and negligent driving, suitable departmental disciplinary action is taken including dismissal from service.

Fellowships awarded by Indian Council of Historical Research

100. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research awarded senior fellowships to certain scholars without asking for the opinion of experts ;

(b) if so, what are the names of the awardees ;

(c) what are the reasons for not going by the norms and conventions as laid down in the Rules of the Council ;

(d) what corrective steps are proposed to be taken by Government to avoid such violations of Council's Rules and norms ; and

(e) what are the reasons for not objecting to infringement of

rules by the Director, who is a permanent employee of the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Historical Research, its Chairman has not awarded senior fellowships without asking for the opinion of experts.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Setting up of Committee for Foreign Grants by Indian Council of Historical Research

101. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Chairman Indian Council of Historical Research has set up a separate Committee for foreign Grants ;

(b) if so, what are the names of the Members of the Committee;

(c) what is the reason for taking away this function from the statutory committee viz., the Research Projects Committee ;

(d) when the foreign Grant Committee met last and what are the names of the members who attended its meeting ;

(e) what were its recommendations ; and

(f) whether any member of the Council was present at this important meeting, if not, what are the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The present Chairman, ICHR, only reconstituted, among others, two pre-existing sub-committees under authorisation from the Council. These are Foreign Travel Grants and Study-cum-Travel Grants Committees under the Research Projects Committee, which consist of :

(i) Prof. M.G.S. Narayanan
(ii) Prof. Ashin Das Gupta
(iii) Shri Dharampal
(iv) Prof. Satish Chandra (co-opted)
(v) Chairman, ICHR
(vi) Director, ICHR (Secretary)

In case a Member is not available Chairman can co-opt another.

(c) The Foreign Travel Grants Committee has been constituted under Research Projects Committee and its recommendations and decisions are submitted to the RPC which also considers proposals for foreign travel grants directly.

(d) The Committee last met on 31st March, 1989 and its meeting was attended by Prof. Irfan Habib, Prof. Champaklakshmi (co-opted Member) and Dr. T.R. Sareen. Other Members of the Committee could not make it convenient to attend.

(e) The Committee considered 24 cases for grant of foreign travel out of 7 were approved, 12 were rejected and consideration of 5 cases was deferred. Some of the fejected cases were, however, reconsidered by the RPC later.

(f) Chairman and Director of the Council are the full Members of the Council and attended the meeting of the Sub-committee.

Non-Release of funds to the scheme of Training and Rehabilitation of Women in Distress

102. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of HUMAN